Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Department
16.	Dr. Sudha Salhan Consultant (Obst. & Gynae.)	Obst. & Gynae.
17.	Dr. K.P.S. Malik Consultant (Opthal.) CGHS	Opthalmology
18.	Dr. V.K. Sharma Professor (Ortho.)	Orthopaedic
19.	Dr. M.S. Prasad Consultant (Paed.) CGHS	Paediatrics
20.	Dr. Deepak Bagga Paed. Surgeon	Paed. Surgery
21.	Dr. K.M. Aggarwal Sr. Psychiatrist	Psychiatry
22.	Dr. K.T. Bhowmik Consultant (Radiotherapy)	Radiotherapy
23.	Dr. B.B. Thukral Consultant (Radiology)	Radiology
24.	Dr. S.Y. Kothari Consultant (Rehab.)	Rehabilitation
25.	Dr. J.C. Suri Sr. Chest Physician	Respiratory Medicine
26.	Dr. Dinesh Bhatnagar Consultant (Surgery)	Surgery
27.	Dr. N.K. Mohanty Consultant (Urology)	Urology

Banned drugs in circulation

593. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to contain the growing divide between safe and banned drugs, which continue to be available over the counter inmost medical stores across the country, his Ministry has appointed a sub-committee to check into the circulation of banned drugs in the country;

(b) if so, whether many drugs that are banned in other countries continue to be sold in our country;

(c) to what extent, setting up of panel has helped in checking the circulation of banned drugs; and

(d) what are the other concrete steps and measures considered to check sale of such banned drugs in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Drugs, for which harmful effects or inadequate thereapeutic justification is reported in the context of current medical evidence, are examined by Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) on a continuous basis. Drugs are banned in the country under Section 26A of Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Based on recommendations of DTAB, if a drug is found to be harmful, it is banned with immediate effect. If there is lack of therapeutic reationale, the drug is banned in a phase wise manner.

(b) to (d) Every country has its own regulatory system for approving or banning drugs after examining overall benefit rise ratio of the drug in consultation with experts and is requirement in the country. The safety and efficacy of a drug is ascertained as per Schedule Y of Drugs and Consmetics Rules before market approval in the country. There is regulatory system in place for ensuring safety and efficacy of drugs before market approval in the country.

Examination of marketed drugs by DTAB is a continuous process and based on the recommendations of DTAB, so far, 78 drugs/drug formulations have been prohibited for marketing in the country. Sale of banned drugs in the country is a punishable offence under Section 28B of Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Over burdening of CGHS dispensaries

594. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware the CGHS dispensaries in the country are over burdened;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to open new dispensaries to reduce the burden on the existing dispensaries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) Staff inspection Unit (SIU), Department of Expenditure, has fixed staffing pattern norms for CGHS dispensaries. Staff to dispensaries are provided on the basis of the norms so fixed. Also, the number of card holders in 2006-07 has come down to 9,12,096 from the earlier figure of 10,66,251.

Decrease in production and sale of khadi garments

†595. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is continous decrease in the production and sale of khadi garments;

(b) the total number of weavers working at present in khadi and village industries in the country alongwith the decrease in the total number of weavers during the last three years;

(c) what steps Government is contemplating to improve the quality of khadi garments and the steps taken by Government to make it competitive;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.